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KOLLAS's GOSSIP ABOUT SHIRNOVA's DEPARTURE
REPORTED TO CLAYTON BY E. HUDSON

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To VIKTOR[i].

CLAYTON [KLEUTON][ii] [c.] has passed to "TECHNICIAN" [TEKHNIK][iii] [4 groups unrecovered] [C.] received from an undercover [NELEGALNY] member of the party, E. HUDSON [HUDSON] who is living in QUEENSBURY [KVIUBIYU] (7 miles from CANBERRA) about the gossip which is being spread around in QUEENSBURY in connection with the departure of [S. SHIRNOVA][iv]. In his letter HUDSON says that on

[75 groups unrecovered]

[31 groups unrecoverable]

all the gossip about the Soviet Legation is being spread by a Russian - KOLLAS who lives near to it. The latter[b] [C.] is one of TECHNICIAN's [TEKHNIK] acquaintances. He knew him through the KRANIDOVs [KRANIDOVY] and kept in touch with SHIRNOV[v]. At one time he worked as a gardener at the Legation, but was soon dismissed. After that he became angry and began to spread all kinds of dirt in regard to the Legation. According to what

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HUDSON writes, KOLLAS one day came to ALEXANDER [ALEKSANDR][e] [10 groups unrecovered] SMIRNOVA naturally not [2 groups unrecovered] government. But her husband and daughter [2 groups unrecovered] Russia. [3rd SMIRNOVA] herself

[37 groups unrecoverable]

[D. HUDSON] also points out that SMIRNOVA allegedly received some kind of letter from America through KOLLAS. She describes SMIRNOVA as a foolish woman. In conclusion H.(vi) is asking the Central Committee [TsK][vii] to render help and stop the slander being spread by KOLLAS.

[Part II] Note: He reported to you about KOLLAS at one time, at our insistence he was dismissed from the Legation. K.(viii) is an extremely close friend of the KRAMIDOVAs. After [v] the departure of the SMIRNOVA K. [4 groups unrecovered] and judging by MOROZOV[ix] [2 groups unrecovered] SMIRNOV[iv], [6 groups unrecovered], he again asked but SMIRNOV[e] left

[80 groups unrecovered]

No. 23[e]

EFIN[e][x]

Notes: (a) Or "his", but compare the second sentence in the penultimate paragraph, where a feminine pronoun is used which appears to refer to HUDSON.

(b) I.e. KOLLAS.

(c) Note that this is the English name ALEXANDER and not the Russian ALEKSANDR. ^{1/2/43 12} P. 200000

(d) Or SMIRNOVA.

(e) Enciphered at the end of Part I.

Comments: (i) VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

(ii) Walter Siddon CLAYTON.

(iii) TEKHNIK: probably Fedor Andreevich NOSOV, USSR Correspondent in SYDNEY.
L-7/ E. D. S. S.

(iv) Nina Stepanovna SMIRNOVA.

(v) Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV, accountant at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA, March 1943 - January 1945.

(vi) H. [=H] : i.e. HUDSON.

(vii) Presumably the Central Committee of the Australian Communist Party.

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[viii] K. : i.e. KOLLIS.

[ix] Georgij Nikhajlovich DROZOV, Soviet Attaché at the Soviet Legation in LIMBECK, March 1943 - July 1946.

[x] EPIM: probably Semen Ivanovich LUKIROV, Clerk at the Soviet Embassy in LIMBECK, April 1943 - April 1947. Promoted to 3rd Secretary in April 1947 and to 2nd Secretary in November 1948. Left Australia in June 1949.

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